

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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Local Bible Training School Closes April 1st.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR 7:30 P. M.—A NUMBER OF VISITORS EXPECTED

ATTEND THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Closing Service, April 1st.

The Bible school is rapidly nearing the close for this term. Brother Payne tells me that in some respects this has been the best term since the school was first launched. From personal observation I would say that I think he is right in his view. There has been no fiction. All seem to greatly appreciate their teachers. Brother Payne of course having the superintendency and teaching the Bible with other studies pertaining thereto. Sister E. L. Moore having charge of the literary department and the piano. Brother B. C. Robinson the vocal music department.

You may tell your folks that Brother Payne is a real disciplinarian as well as a good teacher. Sister Moore is also equal with the occasion on the literary work. You can judge for yourself about Brother Robinson when you hear him sing, also his large choir at the closing exercise of the Bible school Friday night, April 1st.

You cannot afford to miss this wonderful entertainment. We have been with them some in their practice and I can conscientiously say you will be amply paid for your efforts to attend this closing exercise. The music both vocal and instrumental will be grand.

They will act, "John, on the Isle of Patmos," representing the different scenes from the first to the twelfth chapter of Revelation. I am sure you will appreciate this because it will be instructive as well as entertaining. Other acts on a different order will be much appreciated. Every thing will be on a Bible line and will be acted in a sacred manner. It will pay you to make an effort to attend this occasion. Remember the date April 1, 1927.

Victory Over Sin

WEBB, W. Va.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me, and for what He has done for me, praise His dear name! I am praising Him for saving me from sin, and sanctifying me by His precious blood and filling me with the Holy Ghost, I have the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues, and am glad I ever started out to serve Him and is my heart's desire to live for Him. Although the devil is doing his best to try to over come us, but by the help of God we mean to press on. I ask the prayers of all the saints that I might hold out faithful to the end.—Vesta Ferguson.

WEBB, West Va.—I am praising the Lord this morning for a free and full salvation, for the deep settled peace that burns within my heart, and for

AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEP- EST AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE THEE LIGHT Eph. 5:14.

I want to say that to-day finds me looking forward to the coming of Christ, we see the many signs being fulfilled, that we know that He surely must be coming soon, He said in the last days He would pour out His spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters should prophesy. O! that people would awake, and pray more in these last days. In 1 Cor. 11:30; 1 Thes. 5:6. Let us not sleep as others do but to awake for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Some people are asleep on their job, some say we have done all we can when they haven't done anything. You can go in the homes of the people who once shouted the victory, but now are dried up, and ready to blow away. Luke 6:22. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name for evil, for the Son of man's sake. In Cor. 7:14 for the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

If you cannot sing like angels If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus You can say, He died for all.

Let us all awake and be on duty for fear the bridegroom comes and finds us idle.—A servant of the Lord—Mrs. Lillian Holland.

BACKSLIDING

W. J. Johnson. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 2 Tim. 4:2-4.

I fully believe that the time is at hand when men will not endure sound doctrine. There are too many denominational church members today who have sore spots. Spots in their Spiritual life which have not been healed. They stand well with their organization, they stand well with the preacher, (Continued on page 2)

the blessed Comforter which will lead and guide us into all truths and righteousness. I have been in this way just a little while, but praise the Lord I mean to press on and do His will. Pray for me that I will be a great worker for Jesus.—Ida Salmon.

STUDIES IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

TEXT.—If ye love me, keep my commandments

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

These are the words of Jesus. He was speaking to His disciples. They had become greatly attached to Him. They could hardly bear to be away from Him. Their whole soul was absorbed in Him. They delighted to look upon Him and admire His loving countenance but oh what a disturbance! when He broke the news to them how He should suffer and die a cruel death at the hands of His enemies, then to take His departure from them to be with His Father. Their hearts were troubled and doubtless showed it in their countenance.

In order to console them He says, Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

When in view of His being away from them He gave them some instruction on rules to work by while He is away.

While they were manifesting love to Him through their affection He wanted them to manifest it by action and deed, keeping His commandments. If ye love me, keep my commandments. Sometimes the fond mother says to her babe, "If you love me kiss me or hug my neck." Then the little one does its best to show mamma that it loves her. Are we doing our best to show that we love the Lord? Are we doing the things He says for us to do? Are we leaving undone the things that He says we should not do? The thought conveyed in the expression of the text is, "If we do not keep His commandments we do not love Him." To further prove this see verse 21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. Also V. 23. If a man love me, he will keep my words.

At verse 46 we find the consequence of loving the Lord. He says, I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter. On what conditions? that we love the Lord enough to keep His commandments. Brother, Sister why have you not yet received the Comforter? You may say, "I received Him when the Lord saved me." No you did not. Jesus says at verse 17, that the world cannot receive the Holy Ghost. By this you can plainly see that only those who are not of the world can receive the Holy Ghost baptism.

A Blessing for the Orphans.

Jesus had told them before this that their names were written in heaven and that the Father had revealed Jesus Christ to them, but even with all this done for them, He gave them to understand that if He did not do something more for them they would be left comfortless. He said at V. 18 I will not leave you comfortless. The margin says orphans. It would

VICTORY FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD IN LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE

The revival has just closed at this place with a sweeping victory. Brother C. M. Dunn from Copperhill, Tenn., did the preaching, and from the very first service the Lord began to bless, and by the close of the meeting there were seventeen saved, nine sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues. Brother Dunn is a fine man and a good preacher and he made many friends while he was here, even if he did use the sword cutting right and left, letting it hit where it would.

The Church of God in Lenoir City is on fire for God, and as pastor I am well pleased with my work this year. I don't think there is a finer band of Church of God people any place in the world, and our Sunday school is growing all the time. Last Sunday we had a hundred and thirty-six, next Sunday we are looking for not less than a hundred and fifty. Brother Mitchel Martin is Superintendent for the school and he is on his job. You ought to hear the school all together give the Sunday school yell, which is, Sunday school, Sunday school, Church of God Sunday school, Sunday school, Sunday school, Everybody come to Sunday school next Sunday.

Well if you want to know anything more about this place, come over and see us some time, and pray for us.—Luther A. Richard.

AND IF BE LIFTED UP

We often hear remarks that the world is getting worse every day and we can see for ourselves that the powers of satan are stronger than they were yesterday. That community where they used to have such glorious meetings is now formal and cold. The saints are scattered and some of them are backslidden, but still as I ponder over these thoughts there comes a Scripture, a beautiful saying of Christ, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." And still another one, Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever. Our precious Saviour is just the same. He is still loving, kind, and merciful to us all. If we will lift up Jesus in our lives He will draw men unto Him. We should be shining lights in this sinful world and do all we can to help some lost soul to Christ. When some holiness band comes into the community, stretches up the old canvas, begins to preach, sing and pray in the spirit and live the life before the people, the world will surely be drawn to Christ.

Let us lift up Jesus for this world is hungry for the true Word of God, they want to see the signs following.—Pray for me.—Pauline Roy.

The Bible Church

Thank God for the dear old Bible Church It's good for one and all; She is built upon the Bible And I am sure it cannot fall.

We love her laws and government And true to her we will stand, Until the battle is over And we meet in the Promise' land.

When our last prayers have ascended And all our trials are past; And we have gained the victory Through Christ our King at last.

We will sing and shout for ever Keep the unity firm and strong;

Then God will give us power And His power won't lead us wrong.

Let us raise our voices together Hosanna to our King! We will work until the battle is over And then we will crown Him King of kings.

The holy Scriptures all testify of Him. The inspired Word of God declares Him to be the Son of God, both God and man. He is made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of Holiness by His resurrection from the dead. Could we penetrate the world, then my claims are false. (Continued on page 4)

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Robert Hill.

This great question plainly reveals the deity and lordship of Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. The Christ of Virgin birth, the Christ of Calvary, and the Christ of Christianity. A personal Savior. It was asked by our Lord after all the questions of the Pharisees had been fully and finally answered. Matt. 22:42.

He then asked them this question, What think ye of Christ? This is not only the greatest question ever asked the Pharisees, but it is undoubtedly and unquestionably the greatest question of the ages, both to the sinning world and the Church. This question completely baffled the Pharisees and Sadducees. They knew that to answer according to the Messianic prophecy, would openly admit of Christ's origin. This they absolutely refused to acknowledge. They were so spiritually blind that they could not see how He could be both David's Son and Lord, except that He was divine in origin, and this they refused to believe.

The different schools of philosophy and religion are seeking to answer this question, but Alas! like the blind Pharisees

they stumble on in their proud intellectualism, and religious conceit without the true knowledge of Christ: Yea they are without a HEART KNOWLEDGE of the Christ of Christianity. The only answer to the question is by the Holy Ghost, and faith in the inspired Word of God. The Apostle Paul declares that man can call Jesus Lord but by the Holy Ghost, and I believe he had a perfect right to know, for he tells us of his conversion, how that he had formerly been a strict sectarian and how he persecuted God's blood washed saints, and yet he did it in ignorance and unbelief, also with a conscience that he was doing right. But hear him in his bold confession in the middle of the road, when the lighthouse from heaven flashed the piercing rays of heavenly daylight upon his unconverted self life. He says who art thou Lord? proving that he had no heart knowledge of Him, and did not know the Lord at all.

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EDITORIALS

There are LOTS of people in LOTS of places that do LOTS of things to make LOTS of us think that they are related to LOT'S wife.

Modernists tell us that all miracles must be scientifically explained. The facts are that a miracle that can be scientifically explained is not a miracle.

We are of the honest opinion that those who baptize in water, using the formula that Jesus gave, which is made a part of the great commission, which is in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," are in the clear, for beyond question the Lord had the authority to prescribe and we are safe to comply.

If it is not this body that is to be resurrected then there is no resurrection at all. Webster says it is, "The rising again from the dead," and if it is not this body that is to rise then what is it? for there is nothing else buried. Jesus was the first fruits of them that slept and He arose with the same body, then if the latter fruit is to be like the first fruit of the resurrection, then beyond question it is this body that shall rise.

Orthodox Christians believe in the full and complete inspiration of the Bible, while others believe in partial inspiration, others believe there is no God to inspire, while others believe it to be a good book, but only the work of man. Now if all the Bible is not inspired who is to be the judge of what is inspired and what is not? "And the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God," and finally if the Bible is not all that it claims to be then it does not deserve the respect of being classed with other good literature. Well boys, who's who and what's what?

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is now time for our Sunday School secretaries to order their supplies for the second quarter. Some have already and they will be going forth in a few days. We are pleased to announce to our patrons we have taken proper precaution to prevent a further embarrassment on account of the delay as occurred the latter part of December. Our supplies are all printed, ready. We respectfully request our secretaries so far as it is convenient to send cash and thus to enable us to take care of our bills for stock and

NOTICES -:- AND -:- SPECIALS

As some one was requesting my address it is G. C. Dunn, Thorn, Miss.

We are to have a revival to begin at Copperhill, Tenn. Mar. 20th, L. A. Richard in charge.—Curtis Dunn, Pastor.

Any one knowing anything about J. G. Moody please write me thru the Evangel or by letter. The last we heard of him was at Rosemary, North Carolina, he is also a Church of God minister.—L. L. Johnson, Bedford, Va.

To the churches and ministers of Ga.:

I have been informed by the Mission Committee that they will count on Georgia for four-tens this year. Let us get busy and get up this money. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.—J. W. Culpepper, Overseer of Georgia.

We are to have Home Coming Day March 20th, at Lake Wales, Fla. We are to have all day service, dinner on the ground. Come and bring your basket. Everybody invited. Lord's Supper and feet washing that night. Come with prayerful hearts expecting a good time with the Lord and fellowship with the saints.—E. L. Hicks, Pastor, R. A. Box 513, Lake Wales, Fla.

To all whom it may concern: I take this method of informing you that I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost, a member of the Church of God and divinely healed by the mighty power of God in answer to prayer, also have my evangelist license for 1927 and I am ready for calls.—E. W. Anderson, Box 672, Middlesboro, Ky.

I would like to have two or three families of Church of God people to help me make a crop. I could furnish work on the farm the year round. I raise cotton mostly. We have a nice Church of God building here and regular meetings and Sunday school. Our membership is small and we need more help in the church work and Sunday school. We have a good seven months literary school with four teachers here. Our country is healthy and good water, also a quiet settlement. Any one interested write me. W. T. Yarbrough, Route 1, Wedowee, Ala.

Notice to all the colored churches in Florida, our State Convention which has been postponed on account of sickness will convene at Sanford, Fla., April 4-10. We have given sufficient time so that all the churches will be able to respond with a good delegation. Please remember the school and orphanage work. We are doing well at present, so let us get this part of our work through. We are expecting all the ministers to be there of course, also as many of the officials and members of each local Church are expected to show your interest in the work by coming if you can or helping some one to come.

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Please send us your requirements at once in order that we may have ample time to reach you the last Sunday in March.

Well, let each one of us do our bit in every way possible to make this a banner year for the Church. Come one and all, come praying that the Lord will get the glory.—David LaFleur, 629 5th St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

To all Churches, Ministers and Workers: The following are the dates and places for the district meetings for the State of Texas.

North East district, Paris or Lainus, March 26th and 27th. East Texas district, Point, Apr. 2d and 3rd. South Plains district, Brownfield, April 16th and 17th. Panhandle district, Mobeetie, April 30th to May 1st. North Texas district, Electra, May 6th to 8th. Ranger district, Ranger, May 14th and 15th. Ft. Worth, district, Ft. Worth, May 20th.

I would be glad that every worker would put forth special efforts from now till these district meetings. Let every church try to have a good delegation as these meetings are very necessary and will prove a blessing to the work in your respective districts.

The Crockett district meeting will be held Mar. 19th and 20th.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer.

LORD BLESSING IN THE WEST

STROUD, Okla.—Another revival has just closed in Oklahoma. A number were saved and twelve received the Holy Ghost. Brother Joel Stamper conducted the revival and Brother Williams, State Overseer, set the Church in order with twenty members and more to come in.

Brother Williams and Brother Stamper delivered some wonderful messages under the mighty power of God. The power came as in a mighty rushing wind.

Brother Stamper came from Ohio last December where he was pastor of a church. He was in the State last year and held a revival at Murphy, Oklahoma. Over fifty were saved and thirty-one received the Holy Ghost, so you see the harvest is indeed very ripe in Oklahoma, but the laborers are few. I am praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers. We need about two or three pastors and about ten evangelists for Oklahoma is full of holiness people, but they are being turned loose among raving wolves. The people are honest but are divided in ten or fifteen different beliefs. They have never heard the Church of God preached.—A. E. Luckinbill, Box 1413.

CHILDREN WONDERFULLY HEALED

EASLEY, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel as the dear Lord has been so good to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I want to praise the dear Lord for healing my children. We wrote to Brother Rouse and he sent us a handkerchief, wife and I laid it on our little girl and the Lord wonderfully healed them. About three weeks later our little boy was taken real sick with high fever, so we just got the letter we had received from Brother Rouse and prayed and laid it on him and the Lord wonderfully healed.

I want all who read this to pray for us that we may stand true and I want the Lord to make a blessing out of my children.—J. C. Shelton.

BACKSLIDING

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they are called good people by the world.

These sit-still Christians are readily discovered when a real child of God holds up the light of Truth in a manner which shines out these sore spots, making them manifest to the world. When the "light" is thrown upon these hidden spots the sit-still Christian doesn't sit still any more for a while, but in most cases will rave, pout, and persecute the preacher or the person holding up the light.

A great mistake that is being made is the fact that shepherds are allowing the sore spots of their members to become chronic before attempting a remedy. These shepherds sacrifice purity for the sake of peace. They become more and more influenced by the falling away of their congregation till they become a patch-preacher. A patch-preacher is one who preaches the Word from particular patches, (and not in its fullness), that he might be able to satisfy the itching ears of the afflicted listeners. Favor is what the patch-preacher wants and favor is what he gets. Jesus says, "How can you believe who receive honor one of another?" St. John 5:44.

My conception of salvation is this, that the Spirit and the Word should agree. If a man is born of God he is born of the same Spirit that is author of the Word. Then if the church-member is born of the Spirit and the Spirit wrote the Word, should not the church member believe the Word? Should not the Spirit in the church-member believe all of the Word which He, the Spirit has written?

Dear reader does your spirit agree with the Word? Jesus says His believers will take up serpents. Mk. 16:18. He says again, "Sell that you have, and give alms." Luke 12:33.

From whence comes sore spots, diversities of opinion and sulks of the influence of Satan confusions? They are the result of the soul. The reason that so many saints are losing their once high-valued experience with God is the fact that through lusts these saints are unconsciously coming into a state of backsliding. The preacher forgets that it is the little foxes that destroy the vineyard, and has not the courage to reprove them of their minor sins. Let the preacher that is afraid to reprove and rebuke his sheep for minor offences remember that an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure. Let him remember that peace is the cry of the false prophet. Let him read or re-read the Word, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. Let that preacher remember that the commandment, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on." (Luke 12:22), must be obeyed if he expects his work to prosper: Let him also remember that on one occasion no man stood with Paul. 2 Tim. 4:16.

It is my experience that the life of a backslider can be detected in four particular ways: First, by a loss of fervency and zeal for God and an increase of the worldly companionship.

Second, by their sore spots or their tendency to get angry over the right interpretation of certain points of Bible, in relation to their life and which they do not wish to live up to. This sore spot reminds me of

GOD IS BLESSING IN S. CAROLINA

About two weeks ago we closed a meeting in Greenville, S. C. in which God wonderfully blest. The weather at times was very disagreeable, but that did not keep the people away. There were many hungry souls that feasted on the good things of God.

Eight were saved, six sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Four came into the Church. There were others who wanted to come in but on account of bad weather they were hindered, but expect to come later.

We left the Church on fire for God and expect to some day meet them again if not in this world we hope to meet them in Heaven, for our faces are turned that way and we expect to make a safe landing on the other shore.

We earnestly desire your prayers that God may use us to His glory and that we may stay humble at His feet.—Mrs. I. G. Roberts.

the mania of a lunatic which, when touched upon, they fly to pieces.

Third, by their almost continual cry for the milk of the Word, and for peace. They will accuse the God-sent speaker of driving men and women from the Church, of holding up the doctrine too hard, and of lacking humbleness. These poor folks seem to forget the milk of the Word belongs to the new converts. We find in reading 2 Chronicles 34:3 that King Josiah after seeking God for four years began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places. Keep in mind, dear reader that a child that doesn't grow will soon die. So it is with a child of God. They are not lambs always but after a while either die or become sheep.

Fourth, They gradually return to their old standards. They become participants in the things that pertain to the lusts of the flesh. They highly admire fine dress. They dress to suit the fancies of the world. They delight in the use of paint and powders which is so different to Daniel seeking the Lord in sackcloth and ashes. Dan. 9:3. They see no harm against using chewing gum, a habit which is usually formed in youth, not with standing the word says, "Flee also youthful lusts." 2 Tim. 2:22. In my opinion every thing that is not useful to the body in a natural way is LUSTFUL and it seems reasonable also.

Dear saints, this story has not been written with a view to criticism but to save some poor soul from following the paths to BACKSLIDING. — Please pray for me.

One Who Desires to Live

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—As I was sitting here reading my little Evangel, I just felt like writing my testimony. I am really glad this beautiful Sunday afternoon finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name.

I want you to pray for me that I will do just what the Lord would have me do, and pray for my unsaved husband and children to be saved before it is too late. I just want to praise God for ever sending some real Church of God people this way, the Church of God is the greatest thing I was ever in. I am so glad that I just walked in the light as it shone on my pathway. I have been trusting God for both soul and

Services Greatly Enjoyed

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—I want to thank God this morning for still being saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I want to thank the Lord for the service we had Saturday night. Our State Overseer was with us and also our pastor, Otis Smith, was present. Brother W. E. Raney brought the message and it surely was enjoyed by all present and we hope to have him with us again soon.

We ask all who read this to pray for the ones at this place. Also pray for my unsaved children.—L. F. Cantrell, Clerk.

body for several years. Dear saints let's move up, let us treat our brothers and sisters better. Do you ever think of some poor little brother or sister, when you are going to Church who has no way to go, that lives for miles away where there is no Church? or do you just go to Church and never think of any one, but yourself? Let us not think so much about ourself, try to think of some one else, as we go along the way.

Now if the dear saints don't believe I mean just what I say, just come to see me and I will treat you just as good as I can. I have been hoping all this year that some Church of God preacher would come along, and start a meeting for a few days. I have been to one meeting this year. It almost breaks my heart sometimes when I think of other dear saints in a meeting most all the time and I only get to go about once a year. I want the saints everywhere to pray for me.—Ella Baxley.

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I just want to sound a note of praise for our King who gives us the victory. We have just closed a wonderful meeting in Brownfield, the first Church of God meeting that was ever held in the town. A tabernacle was built, size about forty by sixty and the lumber yard furnished us with the seats, which we surely did appreciate.

There were 31 that received the Holy Ghost and we do not know the number that were saved. Ten joined the Church and we have about seventy-four at the present. We sure had some wonderful preaching, which was done by Brother M. E. Drake, also our State Overseer preached two sermons. About fifteen were in the altar the two nights he preached, about six received the Holy Ghost the last night of the meeting. The people in this country said they never heard such preaching before in their lives. The people from Slaton and other places close by came over and helped us in the meeting and I believe we had some of the best altar workers that are in the State. The work is moving on to the highest point on the plains. Thank God.

WHAT CHRIST DID FOR HIM

They who say they will forgive, but cannot forget, an injury, simply bury the hatchet, while they leave the handle out, ready for immediate use.—D. L. Moody.

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Do you?

Some will go east,

Some will go west;

Some may do their least

Some will do their best.

Some will go north

Where the cold winds blow;

Some will go south,

Where the flowers all the year
grow.

Wherever we go,

Whatever our lot;

May this be our motto,

Stick to Jesus, deny Him not.

B. C. Robinson, Dunn, La.

TEXAS STUDENT

I can truly say I am glad for the privilege to testify thru the Evangel once more before school is out. I am glad to say this has been one six months that the good Lord has blessed my soul. The same God that has blest many others from time to time will bless you, if you will only let him have His way with you. Do I hear you say you will meet us back here in school next term? You will never regret the time you spend here if you want to learn more about the Bible. I cannot express in words how the Lord blesses us from time to time. It is wonderful. We have two humble teachers to teach us Brother Payne and Sister Moore. I surely do appreciate them, they have been so patient with us. Our school is almost out for this term. We are now preparing ourselves for the final examination. There will be three more weeks of school and I am sure there will be sad hearts when we begin to part. We have learned to love one another as brothers and sisters but still there is a joy in our hearts when we can go out and see our fathers and mothers and loved ones pray and cry their way thru to the Lord. It makes us feel good when we know that we can put on the whole armor of God and face the enemy and defeat him on all sides and look up and say God's grace is sufficient for me, according to 2 Cor. 12:9.

It will not be long until we will be out on the field trying in our weak way to tell the lost and dying world about Jesus. how He died on the cross and shed His blood for us. I want to do my best while here on this earth and be ready when Jesus comes to catch His bride away. I desire all the saints to pray that the Lord will use me in a special way to help some poor lost soul to Jesus and be a blessing to this lost and dying world. I am your brother in Christ.—Clarence Richerson, Electra, Texas.

PRAISING GOD FOR HIS MIGHTY HEALING POWER

FRIENDSHIP, Tenn.—I am thanking and praising God for real salvation that I feel in my soul. I praise Him for sanctifying me and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire. It is real Glory to me to know that Jesus made it possible that we could live this life. I am going all the way with Jesus and I ask the prayers of every one that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.—Mrs. Allie Latam.

A Cleveland Student

I'm glad for the privilege of writing to the Evangel again as a Bible Student.

Altho this is my first time to write this term, I can truly say I've enjoyed the past six months. They have passed so rapidly, weeks seem almost like days.

As I sit at my desk viewing the surroundings and recall to memory the many good blessings the Lord has given us here in the schoolroom my heart is made to rejoice. While on the other hand we are made sad to think we only have a few more days together and we must part. Some to Florida, Texas, N. Dakota and other states.

Many hearts no doubt will be sad, and many tears shed, not only among the students but we people of Cleveland also. We have learned to love them dearly. We will miss the dear ones who have been so dutiful and faithful; who have rendered excellent service in the Sunday School also in the regular prayer meetings. They have been a great help to us. Especially to we young folks, and I'm sure they will be just as faithful on the fields. We shall look for every student back next term and many more new ones. Are you planning to come? Start making your plans now and meet us here the first day of next term. I'm sure you will never regret the time you spend here, preparing yourself for the Lord's work. This is my third term and can truly say that time spent here is not wasted. Pray for me.—Margaret Latimer.

A ROCK FOUNDATION

WEBB, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Redeemer who has put me on the solid rock foundation. I can never praise Him enough for His wonderful work unto the children of men. I had already been saved, and sanctified when I met up with the Church of God. I am glad that I have on the whole armor of God, and I mean to work and live for Him until He comes or calls.

I want all who read this to pray for me. I mean to live for Jesus, for I am not ashamed of the witness of speaking in other tongues for He said if we are ashamed of Him down here He would be ashamed of us up there.

Pray for me that I might fight the good fight of faith.—Sarah Dillon.



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WONDERFUL REVIVAL AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

The revival for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, closed Monday night, February 13th, after a wonderful season of refreshing. We had been praying for a revival for a long time, and we fully believed that we would have one after a while; but because there were three other revivals going on in the city we had decided that we would wait about ours until the others closed; but the Lord saw that the time was ripe for our meeting, so He sent it along in the following manner.

For several Thursday nights we had been having old time testimony meetings, when on the 13th, of January the pastor announced that on the following Thursday night, that we would have an old time Methodist experience meeting, instead of the regular testimonies; and he urged everybody to be ready to tell their experience.

So when the next Thursday night came all the folks came prepared to tell what wonderful things the Lord had done for them, and the experiences were so good and long that we had to continue the experience meeting till the next Thursday night. The next Thursday night we met again, (which was Jan. 28th) and those who hadn't given their experience on the previous Thursday night were given a chance, and during the talks, one dear brother (D. H. Delk) arose and gave his experience, and when he closed his talk he said that he wanted the Holy Ghost, and that he felt like he should go to the altar right then, so he led the way, and about ten or eleven followed him, one or two were saved and sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost that night. Of course we could not close a meeting like that regardless of how many revivals were going on, so we continued the meeting for eighteen days. About twelve were saved, eight were sanctified, and ten received the Holy Ghost. The saints were edified and built up.

There were several peculiarities about the meeting. First in all the eighteen nights of the meeting there were only three or four sermons preached. The people would testify at every service and the altar call would be made and from six to twenty-five would fall into the altar and cry for mercy. Second, those ten who received the Holy Ghost, were from five families, in four families the mother and oldest daughter, and in one family two sisters received Him. Third, the mighty demonstrations of the Spirit, such as the writer has not seen since the time when Pentecost was preached first at his home town, (Harriman, Tennessee.) The fame of the Church of God has spread abroad all over this country, and people for miles around are looking to her for spiritual help.

They will tell you that Florida is an ungodly place in which to live but don't you believe it. The writer has pastored in the north and has traveled over nine different states, and can truthfully say of all the places he has ever been, the folks in Florida are the most religious; that is the common people, and they are the ones who heard Jesus gladly. Thank God they are still doing the same thing in Florida.

You don't meet that spirit of pride among the laboring people here that you do farther north. If you want to get away from strife and envyings and backbitings, if you want to get to a place where everyone loves like Jesus says they should then

you should come to Florida, and especially to the East Coast.

Here I must add a word for the young people of Fort Lauderdale. When I arrived home from last Assembly, I found the young people running over with a desire to do something for the Lord; so I had them to organize a P. A. S. T. S. Society, (which means Put A Student Through School) and they did, and today the young people of this place have a fine young lady as their representative in the Bible School. And I was just thinking if all of our churches would organize a like society that next year instead of having just forty or fifty students in school (and a part of them having to quit for the need of finance) we would have at least five hundred students in school who would not have to worry about whether or not they would be able to finish the term, but they could put the time they spend in worrying over that, on their studies and be able to accomplish a great deal more. And there is not a church who could not put into operation a Bible School society if they would operate it on the scheme the young people here do. We haven't many young folks, and not a large church, (just seven members before this revival.) If you young people of the various Churches of God would like to learn an easy way to do something worth while for the church along this line you may write to the address given below, and the writer will explain fully how it can be done, and the church will never miss it.

Pastors if you want to hold your young folks then give them a job make them realize that they are not "Wall Flowers", but that they have certain responsibilities as well as the other folks. When the devil makes our young people think or believe that they are not needed in the work of the church, he has played his biggest game in getting them to abandon its services, then he leads them to down fall.

Send one of them to Bible School (more if you can) and make the other young people of your congregation know that they are for that one remaining in school, and you will see them as they rally around to help. Some wise man said that an idle mind is the devil's work shop. Oh, God, help us to realize it with regard to our young people. We need the young people, and in order to hold them they must have work to do. Pastors you are responsible. Some one has been responsible for every backslider among the young people of the Church. Let us stop it!

Yours for the Old time Gospel in the Old time way.

S. F. Beard,

Box 2511,

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

One Who Wants to Work for the Lord

LITTLETON, W. Va.—I feel it is my duty to testify through the Evangel. I am still saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God which is the Bible Church. I love every child of God. There is no Church of God here and I do not get to go to the meetings very much at other places, and I get so hungry to be with the children of God. I have had the Holy Ghost about one year. I have been having prayer meetings in my own home. Pray for me that I will do just what the Lord would have me to do and pray that

BACKSLIDERS BEING RE- STORED

We have just left Offerman, Georgia and the Church was greatly revived. Members being enlightened, divisions taken out and up in active work in their place. Seven backsliders restored and praising God for salvation and freedom from all sin and gladly receiving the light of perfection.

We are now at the tabernacle near Surrency, Georgia where Brother Tollison is pastor. We have with us Brother Earl Paulk. The Lord is wonderfully working with the people. There are three backsliders already restored and many others under conviction and seeking the Lord for forgiveness for their disobedience and sins, and asking prayer of all the saints that they might get restored and that they will not stop next time, but will go on to deeper depths and higher heights according to Heb. 12:1.

We ask the prayers of all of

God will send a preacher to this place for I feel like much good could be done.—Sadie Freeland.

REVIVAL CLOSES

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—Revival just closed at this place. Brother Z. D. Simpson was in charge. He surely preached the Word in its purity and the saints rejoiced and many who had never seemed to take any interest were touched with the message of God's prophet. There seems to be many looking this way. We hope to have Brother Simpson with us again this summer.—J. S. Collins, Clerk.

God's people everywhere that we may be humble and obedient to His Word and be in His hands as clay in the hands of the potter, to be used to His glory in all things according to His Word.

Oh, dear saints, let's spend the remainder of this year and especially until the next Assembly at Cleveland in earnest prayer and fasting as much as reasonably can be for the perfecting of the saints; for we see it so greatly needed.—Your brother and sister in Christ. C. W. and C. E. Wheeler, Home address, Brunswick, Ga.

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trate the heavenly veil which hides from our vision that great assembly and ask God, the Father of Glory this question, what think ye of Christ? The whole Heaven would once more open, and the eternal voice would again penetrate the firmament and answer, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." No wonder God is well pleased with Him. He is surely a Son to please, yea, the Prince of Peace to every soul who will accept Him with His divine nature. Then again if we could ask the blood washed and purified saints around the throne and all the glorious company of the bright intelligence of the angelic host, "What think ye of Christ?" instantly along the heavenly skies, would roll in answering thunders, the mighty Hallelujah's "Blessing and Glory and thanksgiving and honor, and power, and might be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." And in addition to this I believe the multitude of the saints which no man could number would respond with a loud voice "Worthy is the Lamb *** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing for Thou wast slain and Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy BLOOD out of every kindred and tongue and nation." Oh Glory Hallelujah to the LAMB of God. Why should any one be without an answer to the question of Christ? Oh why are so few in possession of a real HEART knowledge of this Christ of the Scriptures? Oh Listen why was it when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, that there were just three wise men who saw the star in the east, and came traveling over hill and dale inquiring where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him. Why is it that there was just one band of shepherds who heard the heavenly voices singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace Good will to men?" Where were all the other shepherds in the Land? or were there no other shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night? "Oh yes, to be sure there were," the hills were dotted with shepherds watching their flocks, but just one little band who were really looking for the real Christ. There is just as comparatively few today who want the Christ of self denial in the ranks of holiness professors. Oh so many want a Christ like self, His name is highly revered, and loudly praised but so seldom is He exalted at heart and lifted and worshipped in Spirit and in truth, and for this reason the unconverted world is saying to us "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" They see so little of the love that the apostle John speaks about in the third chapter of 1st John. We have told the world we had the blessing which means perfect love, but somehow they fail to recognize it as such love. And my dear friends and brethren, can we answer this great question for them, in our every day life? Who is a Christian? Are you a Christian? I hear so much of this. Our dictionaries tell us the definition to this word "Christian," is "One who professes the religion of Jesus Christ," but my Bible says the proper term is one who PRODUCES THE LIFE OF CHRIST EVERY DAY AND EVERY HOUR. I tell you the unregenerated souls are not interested in the federation and the or-

ganization of Churches, but in the very Christ of the Bible. These are all right and necessary but only for the saved man or woman. The Church is for the ones who are separated from the world.

Hear Paul saying to some of his brethren in the Church. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." The beloved Apostle John takes up the heavenly climax and says, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins, in his own BLOOD, and hath made us Kings and priests unto God and his Father; To him be Glory and dominion for ever and ever Amen." This great question concerning Christ and His divine person determines our thought, conviction and principles on all questions of Christianity. Christ is not only the key to all truth, but He is the truth. Hence the absolute necessity of our heart knowledge of Him, and perfect heart cleansing, God will have none but a Holy Heart a Holy God for a Holy Heaven must and will have Holy inhabitants for His Holy Heaven.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,

In the believers ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds

And drives away his fear.

If there are wrong views about the deity and virgin birth of Christ He holds no place in the thought and life of that person. It matters not if he is a preacher or layman, if he has wrong views about the Christ and His blood atonement by the Blood of the Cross for sin, he is a rejecter of Christ, and to every one who think only of him as a man, and Christianity as a bit of philosophy, it is because they have never felt His power of saving grace and glory, oh when men reject the supernatural in Christianity and the personal experience of a perfect salvation, a salvation complete, from sin's pollution wrought in our hearts by faith thru the BLOOD of Calvary's Cross, then we drop from His divine nature where He cannot reach us. We are without a divine Christ and no power to save from sin.

Now that we have answered that Christ is the Savior of all mankind who get saved, we shall notice some of the effects of a personal salvation. As we hear the Prophet Isaiah, exclaiming, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation," and many have made much of the interpretation of this prophecy, for it is prophecy from the fact of the term "Shall" here means in the future. There is quite a difference in shall have and having. The law says do certain things and ye shall have certain things, but Paul says, "Therefore being justified by faith you HAVE PEACE with God," so I believe this had reference to our present day personal experience with Jesus. The presence of drawing water out of an old-time well with a windless and rope was quite a laborious task but oh the joy of getting a good cool drink to quench the thirst more than suffices for the labor invested to obtain it. Let us go back to the old-time method of drawing water from the old homestead well and repeat the act of drawing water in our minds, and the pleasure of getting a good, cool drink of fresh sparkling water from the moss covered stones. How sweet the memory of those happy childhood days. Just as it requires perhaps quite a bit of labor in prayer and confession and sometimes restitution and some bitter tears and losing a little sweat to get the first drink from

the wells of salvation, but oh the untold joy unspeakable and full of glory that comes to the tired hungry, thirsty soul after he touches his parched lips to the cool sparkling water. Listen again to the old prophet singing, "Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song. He also is become my salvation! And in that day shall ye say Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things: This is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy one of Israel in the midst of thee."

One time, many years after, the Son of the Living God met a woman at one of these wells and said to her, "The water that I shall give you shall be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life." This is tremendous, oh the spontaneous, supernatural uprising of the grace of God flowing from the heart of one who has met conditions and has met with Jesus Christ the embodiment of grace and truth. It has now become an internal continual, upflowing well of life emanated from the fountain head of all true life. Here the Lord is bringing us up into a higher order of worship that we may be able to answer the question of our Christ, not only from the lips, but also from our Christ possessed and Christ directed lives. And now for a closeted life with Him. Oh to be alone with Him, secreted with Him and be sure that when you pray that the veil is rent and the curtain is rolled back, yea be sure that God talks to the heart. Be still and know that I am God.

The Christ here types this great salvation with the artesian wells. An artesian well when sunk in the lowlands will have an uprising as high as the fountain head of the artesian stream. An artesian stream always rises in the uplands and flows down thru the valleys, and one will get a flow of water as high as the source of the stream when he sinks a well and strikes its water. If the stream is fifty feet above the level then the stream will be fifty feet high. When the stream is struck the water flows up to its stream, and then falls back sprinkling and spraying the ground all around, making the vegetation grow and producing an oasis in the desert land, and all nature is refreshed where the artesian wells abound. (One can water gardens, run small business concerns and do a number of other necessary things with an artesian well), but the waters of salvation reach still farther yet. When the repentant sinks an artesian well he strikes an artesian stream that rises in the mount of God's holiness, and runs down thru this old desolate land of sin. Like the waters of the Artesian well, it first flows up to the fountain head, in praise and worship to the God of Holiness; and falling back on suffering humanity in blessing, it sprinkles and waters the desert souls of men.

Oh the new life begins to manifest itself and in the old desert land the flowers begin to bloom and the fruits grow. But let us remember an artesian well can be capped and the flow of water cut off by putting on a jet, and so let us follow on in the waters of salvation.

This is the Holy Ghost dispensation and we are to have our artesian wells turned into rivers of living water, Jesus, in that great day, the day of the feast cried and said, "He that believeth on me as the Scripture has said, out of his inner

most parts shall flow rivers of living water." And now we can testify to the Christ of the Scriptures, yea we can do big business for God, because rivers cannot be stopped up, thank God. The devil can throw all the rubbish he pleases in the rivers of God's Holiness, but the on-rushing waters will flow on washing the rubbish on down the stream.

But now if we are to intelligently Biblically and experimentally answer this great question, then there is one more quality we must by all means possess and that is perfect love, divine love, not human love, but the love of God, but when we see so much self seeking among holiness people, such whinning and self service and praise, we cannot escape the conclusion that the last ten or twelve years have been productive of a cheap grade of holiness profession, which will never pass inspection at the judgment bar of God. There was such cases in John's day, an endeavor to pass off a cheap, human love for perfect love, but John having his eye on some choice divine nature, he points to his associates with rejoicing, exclaiming, "Behold what manner of love." What is this remarkable experience? The procuring cause is undoubtedly the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Yes sir, baptized saints, fire filled lives answer the great question and the result is Christ in you the hope of glory (The hope of glorification.) It is perfect love yea it is entire sanctification, a holy heart, a perfect heart before God.

And let me admonish you my precious hearts, when you find a lack of secret prayer and holy devotion and the reading of His Word beware! because this shows that you are losing ground. God cannot talk to our hearts until we get perfectly still before Him, when we get in our closet shut thy door then God can really talk to us. Here is where we get new revelations and new insight into the Word of God. I love to let the Spirit make intercessions with groanings that cannot be uttered. Oh the sweet stillness of God, that still small voice of God can teach us more in five minutes than we can learn in a lifetime if we never get closeted and still before Him. Let us dwell much in the secret place of the Most High God. Here we joyfully exclaim, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Saints Greatly Encouraged

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise for the wonderful meeting which closed here last Sunday. Our dear pastor, Brother Dillingham, held the meeting. He came the Sunday before only to be with us Sunday and one of the brethren began to speak in tongues as the Spirit of God gave the utterance. I praise the Lord one of the saints whom God has given the wonderful gift of interpretation began to give out the message, which in substance was that he should tarry with us and the Lord would bless us. Meeting was given out for the night following and then we had feet washing on Tuesday night and oh, how the dear Lord did bless. The saints danced and talked in other tongues and God gave us several messages with the interpretation. One backslider was reclaimed, one saved and the saints were so greatly encouraged.

All who read this pray for me that I will be a greater blessing than ever before. — Mollie Arnold, 314 N. Manasses St.

Victory Won—Devil Defeated

BLACKSBURG, S. C. — I want to praise God thru the Evangel for what He is doing here. Praise God for the victory is ours and the devil has taken the back seat.

Brother J. C. Childers of Land held a seven days meeting here about the 9th of January and continued it until the 16th. At the beginning souls began to cry and weep their way to victory during the services.

Eleven were saved, seven sanctified, four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and at the close of the meeting there were a number of souls at the altar crying out to God to save their souls and by obeying God and holding prayer meetings in the homes of the saints God still blessed and many of the saints were blest.

Last Saturday night there were several at the altar and three were saved, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Sunday following three were saved, three sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

The trouble with the saints of God is that some are not willing to walk in the light. Some refuse to pay tithes, some refuse to trust God with their bodies and many other weights are hindering the great Cause of Christ, but I am proud that there are a few true blue Church of God soldiers at this place.

We desire the prayers of all for the work here that we may do more for the work of Christ and His Church in the future than we have in the past.—George W. Cooper, Clerk.

A Good Revival at Shipley Grove

While I was at Christopher, Ill. I received a letter from Brother L. E. Jones, stating that a revival was to start at Shipley Grove Feb. 6th and that they wanted me to help in the meeting. I arrived home in Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 8th and went to Shipley Grove the 12th and found the meeting moving on very nicely and that some had already been saved. Although the weather was very bad, rain, sleet, snow and mud, the people came and filled the house to overflowing from time to time.

We had services in the morning at 1:00 and again in the evening at 6:00. There was much conviction from time to time, many would manifest an interest in their soul's welfare. Nine were gloriously saved and some were reclaimed who had neglected duty and grown cold. The people would listen very attentively from time to time to the messages. We feel that much good was accomplished in this short series of services. The meeting closed Sunday, Feb. 20th.—M. W. Letsinger.

HEALED OF INDIGESTION, HEART TROUBLE AND PHTHISIC

HAYNES, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer thru the Evangel for what He is to me. I praise Him because He is my healer and has been for the last six years.

In January I was afflicted with indigestion, and heart trouble and something like phthisic. I was in a bad condition, it seemed that I could hardly live. I would beg the Lord to heal me and I wrote a letter to Brother Leo Cooper, Sanford, Fla., and asked him to pray for me and tell the saints

REQUESTS

I have lost the joy of my salvation and earnestly request the prayers of God's children that I will be restored.—R. H. Nance, Route 2, Forrest City, Ark.

I request prayer for the healing of my body. I have lung trouble and a very bad cough. Will all who know the benefit of prayer pray that God will increase my faith and heal my body?—Mrs. C. E. Pope.

to ask the Lord to heal me. I also wrote to Sister E. S. Neal, Cherry Valley, Ark., and a few days after I was at home sitting by the fire and the power fell on me. Bless the Lord I was so wonderfully healed. Oh, how I thank the blessed Lord for healing me. I know He will hear His children's prayers. I am still healed and shouting the victory.

The little band of saints at Haynes is standing foursquare for the Church of God. Standing in the battlefield, on the firing line for Christ.

I ask the prayers of all who read this. Please pray for the colored work at this place that many souls will be added to the Church.—Mrs. Florence Joplin.

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